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CIA PROPOSED CHANGES TO IAC-D-55/8

Page 1, para., line 1:

Place asterisk after NSC 162/2 and carry the following footnote:

"\* Superseded by NSC 5501, dated 6 January 1955. The missions of the US intelligence system are reaffirmed in the same words (para. 56)."

Page 2, paras. 2 and 3:

Delete paras. 2 and 3 and substitute the following text:

"2. Watch Committee of the IAC. For the purpose of supporting the mission of the IAC Watch Committee "to provide earliest possible warning to the United States Government of hostile action by the USSR, or its allies, which endangers the security of the United States" there has now been established, under the direction of the committee, an Indications Center which is staffed by representatives from the intelligence agencies. The task of this Indications Center, in support of the Committee, is the analysis of intelligence information from all sources to provide warning in contrast to warning provided mechanically through radar, spotters, and filter centers. For further support of the mission of the Watch Committee, there was issued on 30 November 1954 NSC Directive 5438 "Transmittal of Information to the IAC Watch Committee," which authorizes and directs appropriate departments and agencies of the Government to make fully available to the IAC Watch Committee all information and intelligence pertinent to its mission and functions."

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Page 2:

Existing para. 4 to be renumbered "3"

Page 3, first full para., line 9:

Substitute "adequate" for "successful"

Page 4, para. 2, line 10:

Comma after "Overseas" to be changed to a colon

Page 4, para. 2, line 13:

"Missiles" to read "Missile"

Page 5, para. 4a, line 5:

Delete "Limited"

Page 5, para. 4a, line 7:

Insert "Soviet" between "of" and "nuclear"

Page 5, last para.:

Delete and substitute the following text:

"Nevertheless, military intelligence on the USSR and, to a lesser extent on Communist China and the Satellites, is deficient in many important fields, including the following: guided

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"The cessation of hostilities in Indochina has resulted in a reduction of military intelligence on the Viet Minh."

Page 6, first para.:

Delete

Page 6, para. 4b:

Delete para. 4b and footnote thereto.

Page 7, para. 5a, line 8:

Add the following text:

"Present coverage and techniques do not enable us to assess with confidence specific short-term intentions of the USSR and Communist China."

Page 7, para. 5a, line 11:

Change "have" to "has"

Page 7, para. 5b, line 8:

Insert after "Guatemala":

"and the disclosure of the Tudeh ring in the Iranian army have"

Page 8, para. 6a, line 6:

Delete last two sentences and substitute the following:

"Important problems remain to be solved with respect to Soviet defense expenditures and Soviet agricultural growth capabilities."

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Page 8, para. 6b:

Revise to read:

"b. Communist China. Economic research effort and the flow of intelligence materials on Communist China have increased, resulting in a better appreciation of Chinese Communist productive capabilities and of Sino-Soviet economic relationships. The fact that production data were available to us before the Chinese Communists took over in 1949 facilitates the analysis of intelligence on China and of Communist statistical reports received since the Communist take-over. The output of the basic industries, such as electric power, iron and steel, is reasonably well-established. Further information and research are required to determine agricultural and handicraft output, chemical and munitions output, transportation capabilities, and overall per capita consumption.

Page 8, para. 6d, line 5:

Add: "The results of this effort have been satisfactory."

Page 9, para. 7b:

Delete second sentence and substitute the following text:

"Data from the weapons test program and related information received during the period under review have made more clear the current status of Soviet nuclear development and confirm several nuclear weapon types are probably being stockpiled. These same data and information furnish guide lines for estimating the future course of Soviet nuclear developments."

Page 10, para. 8, line 11:

Insert comma after "USIA".

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at an expanded rate and has been found valuable in developing the resources which have produced the information reported."

Page 15, para. 2:

After the first sentence, add a new sentence as follows:

"In this connection, the constantly expanding use of technical surveillance facilities to cover Soviet and Satellite installations abroad has been found increasingly valuable."

Page 15, para. 2:

Delete the last sentence.

Page 15, para. 3:

Delete whole paragraph and add new paragraphs 3 and 4:

"3. In order to coordinate more effectively intelligence collection with outstanding requirements and capabilities, a program designed to give better guidance to the field is being completed. Although deficiencies in the quality of information and the specific coverage of priority targets still exist, an overall increase in the quantity of intelligence is noted.

"4. In certain categories, however, the quality of intelligence produced on the USSR has greatly improved. Intelligence of the highest strategic significance has been produced on doctrine covering Red Army tactics and organization, and on the wartime use of nuclear weapons by the Red Army."

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